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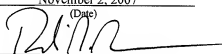
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.